

## RAPID DEPLOYMENT SEAT-BASED RELEASABLE SOFT RESTRAINT SYSTEM AND METHOD

### ABSTRACT

5           An apparatus and method for rapidly restraining a person for an extended period of time at a seat are disclosed. The inventive apparatus includes a pair of wrist cuff modules, each supplied with a releasable connector, configured to either attach to existing hardware on one or more seats, or to a first interconnect for releasably connecting the wrist cuff modules to one another behind the seat in  
10   which the restrained person is positioned. A set of two ankle cuff modules with a second interconnect and an elongated connection member secured to the second interconnect is provided for securing the person's legs by applying the ankle cuff modules to the ankles and then connecting the connection member to a seat. The second interconnect may be provided with an optional quick release mechanism  
15   that enables instant disconnection of the second interconnect from the ankle cuff modules to immediately free the person's legs in case of an emergency.